

STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION

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LOS ANGELES, CA 90012

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Wednesday, January 7, 2015 10:00 AM

AUDIO LINK FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (15-0255)

Attachments: AUDIO

Present: Chairperson Eleanor R. Montaño, Vice Chairperson Frank S.

Bacio, Commissioner Barbara Bigby, Commissioner Cheryl Grills

Ph.D. and Commissioner Donald S. Andrews

Excused: Commissioner Anne S. Hill and Commissioner Susan Burton

Staff Present: Bolaji Famuyiwa and Roy Sinclair. (15-0258)

Call to Order. (15-0071)

Chairperson Montaño called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Chairperson Montaño led in the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

1. Approval of the December 17, 2014 Minutes. (15-0072)

On motion of Commissioner Donald S. Andrews, seconded by Commissioner Barbara Bigby, unanimously carried, this item was approved.

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II. REPORTS

2. Chairperson's Report on various items for January 7, 2015. (15-0073)

Vice Chairperson Bacio and Commissioner Andrews shared the following articles with the Commissioners:

Los Angeles Times

• Replacing Men's Central Jail (January 4, 2015 - Editorial)

UCLA Magazine

QuickTakes: A Slave No More (October 2014)

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3. Treasurer's Report for January 7, 2015. (15-0074)

Vice Chairperson Bacio reported that the bank statement balance of the Commission's Charitable Fund remains at \$263.90.

4. Staff Report on Correspondence Received, and Department Representative Reports for January 7, 2015. (15-0075)

There was none presented.

5. Review of Group Home Compliance Monitoring Audit Reports presented on January 7, 2015. (15-0076)

In Compliance:

Commissioner Andrews visited:

- Dimondale Carson (East Dimondale Dr., Carson, CA) on December 22, 2014.
- 6. Commissioners' Reports on Group Home and/or Detention Facilities Inspections from December 18, 2014 to January 6, 2015. (15-0077)

During the reporting period, the following group homes/facilities were reported as being in satisfactory condition:

Vice Chairperson Bacio visited:

- Eggleston Youth Center I (Waco Street, Baldwin Park, CA.) on December 30, 2014.
- Eggleston Youth Center II (Waco Street, Baldwin Park, CA.) on December 30, 2014.

Commissioner Andrews visited:

- Bellflower Courthouse (East Flower Street, Bellflower, CA.) on January 5, 2015.
- Children Are Our Future "Harvey House" (Superior Street, Northridge, CA.) on December 31, 2014.
- Optimist Boys Home and Ranch "San Fernando Valley Group Home" (Wolfskill Street, Mission Hills, CA.) on December 29, 2014 and noted that the Needs and Services Plans were not kept onsite.
- Children Are Our Future "West Hills" (Faust Avenue, West Hills, CA.) on December 26, 2014 and noted that the garage door was secured to the wall, rendering it inoperable.
- Penny Lane "Satellite #10" (Clybourne Avenue, North Hollywood, CA.) on December 23, 2014.

Commissioner Bigby visited:

- Careprovider Children and Family Services 1 (North Kidder Avenue, Covina, CA.) on January 6, 2015 and noted that the caulking around the shower door needs to be redone.
- Sylmar Juvenile Hall (Filbert Street, Sylmar, CA.) on December 19, 2014.
- Penny Lane #7 (Balboa Boulevard, Granada Hills, CA.) on December 23, 2014.
- Hillsides Home for Children "Girls' Satellite Home" (North Hill Avenue, Pasadena, CA.) on December 22, 2014 and noted that the mattress in Bedroom #3 needs to be replaced, a new female youth needs more clothes and the Needs and Services Plans are not signed.

Commissioners Bigby and Grills visited:

 Camp Munz (North Lake Hughes Road, Lake Hughes, CA.) on December 30, 2014 and noted that the youth should be given an opportunity to participate in supervised community sports activities, and the mattresses should be replaced because they are extremely thin and uncomfortable.

Commissioners Burton and Grills visited:

- Inglewood Courthouse (Regent Street, Inglewood, CA.) on December 31, 2014 and noted that the lighting and plumbing systems, as well as the turnout gear need to be addressed. Staff was directed to report these findings to the Board of Supervisors.
- You Are the Difference Foundation Inc. "Loving Life I (South Burris Avenue, Compton, CA.) on December 28, 2014 and noted that the front passenger seat of the vehicle was inoperable and the boys are restricted from doing anything without being granted permission by staff, including going to the restroom.

III. DISCUSSIONS

7. Discussion and approval of the Sybil Brand Commission's goals and objectives for 2015. (Continued from the meetings of 12/10/14 and 12/17/14) (14-5609)

During a discussion of the Sybil Brand Commission's goals and objectives for 2015, the following recommendations were made by Commissioners:

- Collaboration and coordination with relevant LA County commissions to share information and support efforts of mutual interest related to group homes and jail facilities.
- Obtain the floor plans of each LA County jail and increase coverage of inspections of all sections of each jail.

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

Matters Not Posted

8. Matters not on the posted agenda, to be discussed and (if requested) referred to staff or placed on the agenda for action at a future meeting, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take action came to the attention of the Committee subsequent to the posting of the agenda. (15-0078)

There were no matters presented for a future agenda.

Public Comment

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. (15-0079)

There were no members of the public present to address the Commission.

Adjournment

10. Adjournment for the meeting of January 7, 2015. (15-0080)

There being no further business, Chairperson Montaño adjourned the meeting of January 7, 2015 at 12:13 a.m. in the memory of the three month-old baby from Huntington Beach that was struck and killed by a vehicle while crossing the street with her mother.

